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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 63.4 degrees, 5.5 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, May 11. Precipitation averaged 3.34 inches, 2.59 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 9 points above normal.

Reporters rated 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, May 9. This is 0.2 days less than last year and 3.1 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	1.4	5.6	23.2
2002	1.6	1.4	11.4
1998-2002 Average	4.5	4.1	22.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	2	40	58
Last Week	1	16	74	9
Same Week Last Year	0	0	33	67
1998-2002 Average	3	17	56	25

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY May 11

Reporters estimate 86 percent of the **Corn** crop has been planted. This is 28 days ahead of last year and 16 days ahead of the five year average. Thirty-four percent of corn plants have emerged. This is 21 days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the five-year average. **Soybean** producers have 46 percent of their crop planted. This is 24 days ahead of 2002 and five

days ahead of the five year average. Nine percent of soybean plants have emerged. This is 17 days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the five year average. Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 91 percent jointed, this is six days ahead of last year's schedule and three days behind the 1998-02 average. Winter wheat is three percent headed. This is the same as last year but three days behind the five year average. Respondents estimate about 79 percent of **Oats** have emerged. This is nine days ahead of last year and one day ahead of the 1998-02 average. Approximately 72 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is 15 days ahead of last year, and seven days ahead the five-year average.

Apples are 99 percent in full bloom, compared to 89 percent in full bloom last year and 94 percent for the 1998-2002 average. **Peaches** are 99 percent in full bloom, compared to 91 percent in 2002. This compares to the five year average of 96 percent

Last week spring thunder storms rumbled across the state of Ohio. These storms brought farming activities in many locations to a standstill. Many fields in low lying areas are still flooded. Producers fear the rains may have damage freshly planted fields. Respondents indicated some of these fields may need to be replanted. In isolated locations, farmers were able to plant corn and soybeans. Growers applied fertilizer to freshly planted crops where ground conditions were favorable. Vegetable producers continue to transplant seedlings and nursery sales are reported to be ahead of schedule.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated winter wheat at 83 percent good to excellent condition. Hail damage was reported in some of the wheat fields across Ohio. Respondents estimated pastures at 73 percent good to excellent condition. Reporters pointed out that hay needs to be cut in various locations. Livestock was rated at 85 percent good to excellent condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 11

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	86	16	53	83	55
Corn emerged	34	8	22	8	13
Oats emerged	79	48	76	57	37
Potatoes planted	72	41	59	55	NA
Soybeans planted	46	6	33	41	11
Soybeans emerged	9	1	11	NA	NA
Winter wheat jointed	91	84	93	78	NA
Winter wheat headed	3	3	6	2	39

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 11

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	19	64	16
Previous Week	0	1	20	62	17
Previous Year	0	4	24	58	14
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	17	63	17
Previous Week	0	2	21	63	14
Previous Year	1	4	22	62	11
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	13	70	15
Previous Week	0	2	15	67	16
Previous Year	0	1	13	72	14
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	22	58	15
Previous Week	1	4	24	57	14
Previous Year	0	3	22	61	14
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	5	20	59	16
Previous Week	0	2	21	62	15
Previous Year	0	4	28	57	11
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	14	55	28
Previous Week	1	2	16	53	28
Previous Year	2	7	26	51	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 11

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	60.3	2.9	3.64	3.02	7.41	3.04	66	-7	308	36
North Central	61.2	4.4	3.03	2.33	6.40	1.99	70	2	313	53
Northeast	60.1	4.3	2.02	1.28	4.74	0.18	68	2	314	60
West Central	64.6	6.3	3.72	2.98	6.98	2.05	92	16	373	73
Central	65.0	6.6	3.45	2.68	7.21	2.33	94	17	392	75
Central Hills	62.7	5.9	3.16	2.38	6.34	1.53	79	9	351	69
Northeast Hills	61.8	4.8	3.01	2.24	6.00	1.36	74	1	349	53
Southwest	66.7	7.3	4.09	3.22	7.32	1.71	109	27	421	80
South Central	65.9	6.5	3.56	2.77	7.83	3.00	99	14	446	68
Southeast	64.2	6.0	3.29	2.54	6.68	1.89	88	9	412	73
STATE	63.4	5.5	3.34	2.59	6.76	1.97	85	9	371	65

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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